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Applicant	:	Mark J. Burzynski <i>et al.</i>
Appl. No.	:	10/614,543
Filed	:	July 3, 2003
For	:	SELF-BLUNTING NEEDLE MEDICAL DEVICES AND METHODS OF MANUFACTURE THEREOF
Examiner	:	Unassigned
Group Art Unit	:	3763
Confirmation No.	:	1514

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a)

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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to a decision mailed on May 23, 2005 dismissing a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a), filed March 14, 2005. Under the two-month reply period provided therein, this paper is timely filed by July 23, 2005.

The petition was dismissed as not conforming with 37 C.F.R. 1.63 on two grounds: (1) failure to provide the citizenship of all of the inventors as provided in 37 C.F.R. 1.63(a)(3), and (2) failure to provide the mailing addresses of all of the non-signing inventors as provided in 37 C.F.R. 1.63(c)(1).

37 C.F.R. 1.63(a)(3)

Under 37 C.F.R. 1.63(a)(3), an oath or declaration must “[i]dentify the country of citizenship of each inventor.” Attached hereto as EXHIBIT A is a copy of the inventors’ declaration-as-filed with the citizenships of each of the inventors highlighted. Because the declaration-as-filed conforms with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(a)(3), Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the finding to the contrary.

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Request for Reconsideration filed July 11, 2005

Responsive to a Decision mailed May 23, 2005

37 C.F.R. 1.63(c)(1)

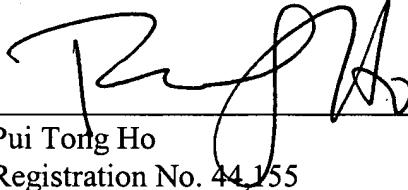
Under 37 C.F.R. 1.63(c)(1), "Unless such information is supplied on an application data sheet in accordance with § 1.76, the oath or declaration must also identify the mailing address, and the residence if an inventor lives at a location which is different from where the inventor customary receives mail, of each inventor." Accordingly, filed herewith is a Supplemental Application Data Sheet as provided in 37 C.F.R. 1.76(c) providing the mailing addresses of each of the non-signing inventors.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the objections to the petition have been overcome and request grant of the petition. For the record, Applicants are puzzled that a decision apparently granting the petition mailed on April 21, 2005, a copy of which is attached as EXHIBIT B does not appear in the image file wrapper for the application.

Respectfully submitted,

KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

Dated: July 11, 2005

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EXHIBIT A



**REISSUE APPLICATION
DECLARATION BY THE INVENTORS
37 C.F.R. §1.175**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are stated below, next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter that is described and claimed in patent U.S. Patent No. 6,254,574 B1, granted on July 3, 2001, for which reissue is sought on the invention entitled SELF-BLUNTING NEEDLE MEDICAL DEVICES AND METHODS OF MANUFACTURE THEREOF, Application No. 10/614,543, filed July 3, 2003.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, by reason of the patentee claiming less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows:

Applicants are filing this reissue application because of the failure of Applicants and Applicants' prior attorney to appreciate the full scope of the invention described in the specification of the captioned patent, which resulted in the patent claiming less than the patentees had the right to claim.

New claims 29, 61, 62, and 63, which broaden the scope of issued claim 1, have been amended to delete the reference to an "internal component hub," which is consistent with issued claims 17 and 26. The orientations of the internal and external components have also been generalized.

New claims 44 and 54 broaden the scopes of original claims 17 and 26, respectively. The orientations of the internal and external components have been similarly generalized in these claims. New claim 64 is a device claim based on new method claim 55, which in turn is based on issued claim 26.

All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicants.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States

Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of first inventor: **Mark J. Burzynski**

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Post Office Address: _____

Citizenship: U.S.A.

Full name of second inventor: **Alexander K. Jones**

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Post Office Address: _____

Citizenship: U.S.A.

Full name of third inventor: **Richard S. Kearns**

Signature: *Richard S. Kearns*

Date: 9 DECEMBER, 2004

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Full name of fourth inventor: **John M. Polidoro**

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Post Office Address: _____

Citizenship: U.S.A.

Full name of fifth inventor: **Carl R. Sahi**

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Post Office Address: _____

Citizenship: U.S.A.

Full name of sixth inventor: **Chad C. Smutney**

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Post Office Address: _____

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EXHIBIT B



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DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is a decision on the petition filed March 17, 2005, under 37 CFR 1.47(a) to accord this reissue application status in the absence of the signatures of all the named inventors but Kearns.

The petition is granted.

This application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status and the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) is authorized to

- (1) accept this application under Rule 1.47(a);
- (2) process the application with the inventors being Burzynski, Jones, Kearns, Polidoro, Sahi, and Smutney, using the reissue declaration filed on March 17, 2005; and
- (3) mail a filing receipt with a filing date of July 3, 2003.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventors at the addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

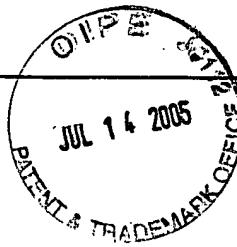
This application is being referred to OIPE for further processing.

Inquiries related to this communication may be addressed to the undersigned at (571)272-3217.

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Dear Mr. Sahi,

You are named as the inventor in the above-identified United States reissue patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 118 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(b), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a reissue patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as the inventor.

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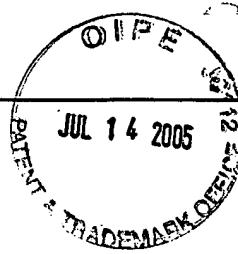
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